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PREFACE

This booklet has been prepared by the Carrollton Business and Professional Women's Club to commemorate Carrolton's Sesquicentennial. Obviously, we could not hope to compile a complete history of Carrollton in a matter of 30 days and as many pages, and so have designed an ALBUM OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY, using pictures and articles available to us.

On our cover you see the monument erected in honor of our founder, Thomas Carlin, who was born near Frankfort, Kentucky, in 1786. In 1803, the family moved to Missouri, which was then Spanish territory. His father died there and Thomas came to Illinois and served as a Ranger in the War of 1812. Following the war he operated a ferry for four years opposite the mouth of the Missouri River, where he was married. In 1818, he located on land which now forms a part of the City of Carrollton.

In 1821, Greene County was created by an act of the legislature in session at Vandalia and Mr. Carlin, Thomas Rattan, John Allen, John Green and John Huitt, Sr. were appointed.commissioners to locate the the county seat. After a short meeting at the home of Isaac Pruitt, the commissioners mounted their horses and rode east to a promising location on land owned by Mr. Carlin. History has it that the group halted at a point later identified as being on the east side of the present public square in Carrollton and that John Allen paced about 50 yards to the west, drove a stake, and announced: "Here let the Courthouse be built." The town was named Carrollton after Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Maryland, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. This was on February 20th, 1821.

At the first election in April, 1821, Mr. Carlin was elected sheriff. In 1824, he was chosen as state senator and served four terms. During the Black Hawk War he commanded a spy battallion. He was chosen Governor in 1838 and served four years. He died at his home in Carrollton, February 14, 1852.

The dedication of the monument to Thomas Carlin, located in the Southeast corner of the Courthouse park and erected by the State of Illinois in honor of his being its 6th Governor, took place on July 1, 1917. The program at the unveiling was as follows:

Music, Band.
Invocation, Rev. C. S. Boyd.
Song, Duncan Sisters' Quartet
Unveiling of Statue, Mrs. Ada Schafer-Smith.
Address – "The Monument," Victor S. Holms.
Introduction of the Governor, Judge Norman Jones.
Address, Governor Frank O. Lowden.
Song, Duncan Sisters' Quartet.
Music, Band.

HERITAGE

Once upon a time, the story goes,
This land was new, the soil untried.
On these acres, vast, untamed,
Men and women toiled on side by side.

Farmhouses were slowly built,
And bits of land fenced in;
And women cooked and passed the food
To the weary toiling men.

Livestock was made captive,
The sod was turned, the soil made free,
And winters came with snow and cold,
And toil went on unceasingly.

And from these years of endless toil,
There blossomed forth in history's page
The dreams of sturdy pioneers–
The story of our heritage.

–IRENE BENNETT

COURT HOUSE

The first Court House in the County was built in 1821-2 on the west side of the square, the contract being let to William and Thomas Finley at a special meeting of the commissioners held June 13, 1821, though the building was not completed until a year later. One historian says the contract price was $380 and another that it cost $700. It was a long, frame structure standing with its side to the street. Years afterward it was cut in two, turned around and used for store rooms.

The need of a more commodious and dignified temple of justice began to be felt as early as 1828, but nothing came of it until in March, 1830, Moses Stevens was instructed to draft a plan and at a special meeting in April, the contract was let to Thomas Rattan for the erection of a brick Court House in the center of the square. The contract price was $7000 to be paid in yearly installments of $1000 or more; or, in case a special tax was levied that year, Mr. Rattan was to accept $5,500, when collected, in full payment of his bill. The building was completed early in 1832. It is a matter of history that, when finished, the new edifice "was the pride of the county, and was universally admitted at that time to be the finest Court House in the State." The building was 44 x 46 feet, two stories, surmounted by a pretentious tower (taken down some years before the building itself was razed).

This was replaced by the present Court House in 1891.

COURTHOUSE CLOCK DEDICATION JULY 8, 1968

(Carrollton Gazette-Patriot, June 27, 1968)

The repairing and electrifying of the clock on top of the Greene County Courthouse, which has been silent so many years, is now nearing completion, and the clock will soon be in operation again.

Robert Hindelang, Carrollton Township Supervisor, told the Gazette-Patriot Tuesday morning that plans were partially completed Monday at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors to hold a formal dedication ceremony for the clock, the tentative date being July 8.

We understand that the work on the clock carries a five year guarantee. The contractors for the repair and maintenance are Kenneth B. and George B. Kavanaugh of St. Louis.

During preliminary testing of the Courthouse Clock Wednesday afternoon, June 26, several townspeople remarked how wonderful it was to again hear the "old clock" toll-out its familiar and distinctive chime of yesteryear (all but forgotten by many – and never heard by the younger set.

Without seeming to be too sentimental, the striking of the clock brings back something good and worthwhile out of the past, and it also returns something of definite value that is as much a part of the Greene County Courthouse as the foundation itself.

We commend the Greene County Board of Supervisors for their foresight in restoring the historic landmark to its original place of dignity and service to the residents of Greene County.

OFFICERS OF THE COURT

JUDGE CLEMENT L. SMITH

Clement L. Smith was born in Bluffdale Township, Greene County, Illinois, on March 7, 1895. He attended rural schools and then the Carrollton Public Schools and was graduated in 1914 from the Carrollton High School. He served in the Army during World War I. On April 12, 1928 he was admitted to the Bar, and practiced law from the first of August, 1928 until December of 1942, at which time he took office as County Judge of Greene County, Illinois. He served as Acting County Judge of Macoupin County during the absence of the Judge of that Court, while said Judge was in the military service of the United States. In June of 1945 Judge Smith was elected as the Circuit Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit which comprises Greene, Jersey, Scott, Macoupin, Morgan and Sangamon Counties. In September of 1946 he was assigned by the Supreme Court as a Justice of the Appellate Court for the, then, Fourth District at Mt. Vernon, Illinois. He was re-elected as a Circuit Judge in '51, '57, and 1964. He has always resided in Greene County, with the exception of a period of three years in Morgan County when he was located there as a teacher and high school principal.

Judge Smith was married to the former Hilda Coats, of Hillview, Illinois in 1925. They are the parents of two children, Mrs. Doris Purdue, and Clem Smith, Jr.

Other Officers of the Court:

Associate Circuit Judge L. A. Mehrhoff
Jack A. Alfeld, State's Attorney
Finice Doyle, Clerk
Donald Vinyard, Sheriff
Wm. H. Wolfe, Coroner

Attorneys:

Alfeld, Jack A., Hodges Bldg., Carrollton, Illinois
Gustine, Claude C., Greenfield, Illinois
(Office West Side Square, Carrollton, Illinois)
Harp, W. O., Roodhouse, Illinois
Hubbard, L. K., White Hall, Illinois
Day, James W., Hodges Bldg., Carrollton, Illinois
Hutchens, Gilbert K., Carrollton, Illinois (retired)
Hutchens, Julian, White Hall, Illinois
McDonald, Jack, Carrollton Bank Bldg., Carrollton, Illinois
Mehrhoff, Robert H., Hodges Bldg., Carrollton, Illinois
Strickland, Hugh A., Carrollton Bank Bldg., Carrollton, Illinois
Vogt, William G., 506 North Side Square, Carrollton, Illinois

Other County Officials in Courthouse:

E. A. Batty, County Clerk and Recorder
William Vandersand, Treasurer
Verl Owens, Supervisor of Assessments
Robert French, Superintendent of Highways
Charles K. Barnett, Superintendent of Schools
Beverly K. Trotter (now Mrs. Robert Lee Jones)
Court Reporter

Janitors: Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart

COURT HOUSE

A VIEW OF THE COURT HOUSE IN 1909

A VIEW OF THE COURT HOUSE 1968

LAYING CORNER STONE FOR COURT HOUSE JUNE 10, 1891
Mr. Boyd, Ray Williams, Albert Geers and Sam Green

CARROLLTON 1823 - 1968

CARROLLTON – 1823

A brief but graphic picture of Carrollton in its early infancy can be found in the book "Wagons West," which tells of the westward hegira of the Justus and John Rider families, who started in September, 1822, from New York State and reached Carrollton late in April 1823. The women and children rode in a coach, followed by the wagons loaded with the household goods and a stock of goods for a store to be established here. The description follows:

THE RIDER FAMILY ARRIVES

"The coach lurched to a standstill at last. As the tired women with their fretful babies in their arms looked through the windows, their eyes rested on a sight that was now familiar. Perhaps the central open space of the little town was a trifle more generous than some they had seen, for Carrollton had been laid out as the county seat. On the west side stood the frame courthouse, unattractive, two-storied, presenting a high, gaunt end to the front, and already looking dingy and weatherbeaten, a fit companion to the log jail which flanked it. Diagonally across on the north side was the other frame structure in the place, a two-storied with a portico. In the middle of the grass enclosure, between the square's four roads, were the public well and the whipping post. For the rest, there was the usual fringe of low log buildings. There was nothing to distinguish this from hundreds of other raw little towns they had been through – nothing until John rode up level with the coach window to ask them what they thought of their new home. They looked out then, all eager curiosity, realizing with a flood of relief that their long journey was over."

OUR CITY GOVERNMENT

Our city is governed by a mayor, city clerk, city treasurer and six aldermen. An attractive city hall houses this city government.

Present Administration:

Mayor – Alan Roads
City Clerk – Keith Sturmon
City Treasurer – Thelma Barnett
Aldermen:
1st Ward – Walter Schmidt, Neil Carrico
2nd Ward – William Miner, Andrew Kirback
3rd Ward – Robert Hamel, Gene Wagener
City Attorney – Jack McDonald
Water Commissioner – Wendell Forrest
City Springs Superintendent – Newell Trusty
Fire Chief – Gene Wagener
Bookkeeper – Estalene Parker
Police: John Scheffel, Acting Chief
James Tuey, Ray Allen, Clarence Johnisee
Radio Operators: Magdaline Khlantzos, Lawrence Booth

CITY HALL

CIVIL DEFENSE

The Carrollton Auxiliary Police Unit and Rescue Squad has 12 men fully equipped and trained to assist in all emergencies. The unit was formed in 1956. The men are all trained in police work, traffic control, advanced first aid, demolitions, dragging operations, rescue work and radiological monitoring. James D. Tuey is captain of the unit and civil defense director for the City of Carrollton.

FIRE TRUCK

News of Yesterday

April 28, 1888. Carrollton had a test of their NEW FIRE ENGINE. The name of it is "Little Giant." It is simple, light, durable and will throw a ¾" stream 100 feet high, weighs less than 500 pounds and can be pulled by very few men.

Notice the modern 750-gallon pumper in above picture, one of the trucks belonging to Carrollton Fire District.

FORMER MAYORS:

1867–69	Wm. L. Greene
1870–71	A. M. Cunningham
1872	Robert H. Davis
1873	John Clough
1874	Wm. R. Davis
1875	Thomas Scott, Jr.
1876	John Clough
1877	R. H. Davis
1878	L. F. Wheeler
1879	Capt. Geo. L. Williams
1880–81	N. J. Andrews
1882–83	Adam Gimmy
1885	T. C. Hussey
1887	Dr. C. Armstrong
1889	Lucius S. Eldred
1891	Edward Miner
1893	Ornan Pierson
1895	Same
1897	Wm. H. Sieverling
1899	M. E. McMahon
1901	Dr. G. W. Ross
1903	Same
1905	Same
1907	J. C. Bowman
1909	Same
1911	Dr. W. F. Waggoner
1913	Howard Price
1915	M. L. Howard
1917	James McNabb
1919	O. H. Vivell
1921	M. E. McMahon
1923	O. H. Vivell
1925	Same
1927	W. A. Hubbard
1929	E. E. Wheeler
1931	W. P. Lindsey
1933	Same
1935	Same
1937	Dr. N. D. Vedder
1941	Price Lindsey
1945	Thomas Hough
1949	Thomas Hough (expired 1952)
1952 to May 1953	Jack Frech (acting Mayor)
1953	Jack Staples (expired Aug. 1954)
1954-57	Ivan Beebe (acting Mayor)
1957	Richard Giller
1961	Alan Roads
1965	Same (present Mayor)

LIBRARY POSTOFFICE

The Bowman building, two story brick, stood in the corner of our present library yard, facing east. The location of part of the foundation may still be traced in 1968. This well-known building was destroyed in a spectacular fire in 1887. The flames leaped to buildings across the street, and a little south, and burned to the end of the street on the south.

THE BOWMAN BUILDING

The Carrollton Public Library was first promoted by the University Extension Club organized during the winter of 1900-01 by Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rainey, which met in Mr. Rainey's law office. When Andrew Carnegie announced his intention to give many thousands of dollars to establish public libraries, the club corresponded with the steel philanthropist and circulated petitions to stimulate local interest. In April, 1901, enthusiastic public meetings were held, the library was made an issue in the city election, candidates for the city council were pledged to vote for the two-mill library tax which carried in the city election by an overwhelming majority. The new city council adopted a resolution for establishing and maintaining a free public library, and Mayor G. W. Ross appointed as the first library board: H. T. Rainey, S. E. Pierson, F. P. Williams, E. A. Doolittle, C. A. Weimer, Geo. W. Davis, B. C. Hodges, Mrs. Howard Burns and Mrs. Helen B. Martin. The board organized with Mr. Davis as president, Mr. Hodges, vice president, and Mr. Pierson, secretary.

In order to further comply with the terms of Andrew Carnegie and his proposed donation of $10,000, the city council made an appropriation of $4000 and the library board began looking for a suitable detached site to be purchased by the city. The Bowman lots, on the south side of the square were selected as by far the most available and were finally purchased.

Everyone gave liberally for the library. Clubs held book showers; Thos. H. Boyd had offered a building site; Sam Eldred, wealthy Chicagoan, willed his library of several thousand volumes to Carrollton; and John Schwarz offered a room in his south side building rent free for six months for a temporary reading room. His offer was accepted and opened Nov. 18, 1901 – the actual beginning of a public library – and Mrs. Helen Martin was employed as librarian at $15 a month, the reading room to be open each afternoon.

The Bowman site having been purchased, plans for the building were adopted and the contract was let in February, 1902, to Thos. S. Moore for the brickwork and to M.L. Reed for the carpenter work, the total price being $9318, the building to be completed by October 31. Completed according to contract, the building was described as 63 x 40 in size, two stories and basement, walls of mat-faced brick, slate roof. The main floor was arranged for library and reading room, the second floor, a small auditorium, seating about 200, and a club room, the two separated by a rolling partition, the club room serving as a stage for the auditorium.

Carnegie gave $6000 in September , 1902, as first installment of the $10,000, and a contribution of $500 was received from Mrs. M. C. Kelsey of Chicago as a memorial to her father, Judge Boyd.

The library was moved into the new building the second week in Nov., 1902. The preceding week, Mrs. Martin resigned as librarian, as she was moving to another state, and Miss Laura Wright, who had been her assistant, was appointed to the vacancy. Miss Wright served as librarian from 1902 until 1944. She was succeeded by Mrs. Ruth Baltz, 1944-1968. The present librarian is Mrs. Hilda Little and the Library Board at the present time: Clem Dunsworth, president, Mrs. Alma Daum, secretary-treasurer, Robert Schacher, Frank Daniels, Mrs. Emma Clough and Gilbert K. Hutchens.

LIBRARY

The Post Office at Carrollton was first established in 1822, with John W. Skidmore as Post Master. He was succeeded by Samuel Lee, Jr. Mr. Lee was succeeded by Philip N. Rampy. At this time the Post Office was located in the Court House.

At one time the Post Office was located on the west side of the square in what is now the Farm Bureau building. Later it was located in the building on the west side of the square, now occupied by Dr. A. D. Wilson. It was in this location until it moved to its present location, a block east of the square, on East North Main Street.

The present Post Office was completed on June 1, 1932, nineteen years after the government had purchased the site.

Other Postmasters:

1830 - P. N. Rampy (Office was kept in Court House)
Charles Lancaster (Was later sentenced to penitentiary)
James Reno (Druggist, Landlord and Postmaster)
Alfred Hinton

POSTOFFICE PARKS

April 1852 - Robert F. Clark (Mr. Clark did not care to fill the position and resigned within a week)

April 1852 - July 1953 - Richard B. Hill

July 1853 - December 1854 - Ralph W. Kay

December 1854 - Marshall Dulaney (Held office for 7 years)

Thomas D. Price

Simon P. Ohr

James Cox

F. B. Roberts

1867 - George W. Williams (Served for 15 years)

1878 - Charles Lynn

1885 - James Lynn

Edward Smith

Ed Simpson

J. H. Pierson

S. Elmer Simpson

June 17, 1936 - May 12, 1940 - Phillip Daum, Sr. (Expired in office)

1941 - Sept. 1959 - Mrs. Meda Dowdall

Sept. 1, 1959 - Sept. 30, 1961 - George Graham (Acting Postmaster)

Oct. 1, 1961 - Joseph Alfeld (Present Postmaster)

ONLY WOMAN TO SERVE AS POSTMASTER
MRS. MEDA DOWDALL, 1941-1959

POSTOFFICE

WRIGHT

FRY

HODGES – H. T. RAINEY MEMORIAL

Three public spirited citizens, Captain William Fry, Miss Nettie Wright and Beverly C. Hodges willed plots of ground to the City that have been beautified into small but very attractive parks and playgrounds, the last named being the site of the State Memorial Statue to Speaker H. T. Rainey. (See Monuments)

Picture of Captain William Fry homestead taken in 1881 after new 8-cornered barn was built. Land this side of fence is now Fry Park. This site, we are told, has the highest elevation in the City.

SCHOOLS

LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Its schools have always been "The Pride of Carrollton". Even back in 1852, when the severely plain two-story frame school house, with four school rooms and a little square belfry on top, was erected on the southeast corner of the block on which the county jail was built seven years later.

Schools there were of a sort, back in the early days of the village, the "loud school" in which the pupils all studied aloud in a babel of confusion. Julius Willard conducted a school on more civilized lines and introduced the use of a blackboard. These early schools were sustained solely by subscription, parents paying a quarterly fee for tuition.

The first public school in Carrollton was opened in the fall of 1850, by William Bartle, afterwards a Presbyterian minister, whose strong anti-slavery views led to his discharge.

John Russell, who had previously won distinction as author and educator, and had been editor of the first newspaper in Greene County, was the second principal of the school. He opened the school in the fall of 1851 and was assisted by Henry Bonfoy, with Miss E. J. Gunning in charge of the "female" department.

In January 1852, a new building was dedicated, with an address by Judge Woodson. The severely plain two-story frame school house, with four school rooms and a little square belfry on top, was erected on the southeast corner of the block on which the county jail was built seven years later.

The public school of that period, and for several years afterward, was modeled after the old academy system, and was very unlike the present grade school. Little attention was given to primary education, more stress being made upon Latin, Greek, French, Geometry, etc. Tuition fees, varying from $1.00 to $4.00 per quarter, were charged, but those who lived in the district received the benefit of the school first. The school must have been supported largely from tuition payments, as it appears from the records that not until 1855 was the school tax regularly levied.

In 1855, David G. Peabody was employed as principal, with a salary of $600.00, and his sister, Miss Hannah G. Peabody, was his assistant. The latter continued as a teacher here for 31 years, and many who became prominent in Carrollton affairs were her pupils.

Charles K. Gilchrist, later a distinguished jurist of Utah, was principal in 1857-58. He was succeeded by Dr. Justus Bulkley, later of Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, who taught here two winters. Francis W. Parker made the start of a famous career in education, as principal of the school in 1860. He resigned to go into the Civil War, and later originated what was known as the "Quincy System" at Quincy, Massachusetts; afterward was principal of the Cook County Normal of Chicago. Alfred Harvey, also taught and became widely known in later years.

The public endured the proximity of the county jail on an

adjacent corner for eleven years. In 1870, the second school was erected on the present school grounds. Measured by architectural standards of that time, it was a magnificent building, three stories, a basement and a mansard roof. It cost $44,000.00. It continued to be looked on with pride for eighteen years, and then on the night of November 16, 1888, it burned.

Going back to the beginning of that eighteen year period, Joseph Dobbin, then principal, transferred the pupils to that building in January 1871. W. H. Wilson was principal in the school year of 1871-1872.

In 1872, E. A. Doolittle became principal, and effected the complete organization of the High School. He continued at the head of the school for seven years. Following Mr. Doolittle, J. S. Kenyon was principal for three years, and in 1882 he was succeeded by David Felmley, who had been assistant principal under him. Mr. Felmley continued as principal for eight years, resigning in 1890 to accept the chair of mathematics in the State Normal University, of which institution he was afterward president for a number of years.

Fire destroyed the building in 1888, and steps were taken at once to replace it with a more modern structure. With $16,875.00 from insurance, $12,000.00 in bonds, voted by the people, and Principal Felmley superintending the job, the board of education erected a new building.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Felmley in 1890, Clyde Stone was promoted from the position of first assistant to that of principal, continuing as head of the school for nine years. He is the only graduate of the High School who ever attained that position. He was a member of the class of 1883 and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1888.

LOOMIS OBSERVATORY

In 1895, the erection of Loomis Observatory marked an important epoch in the history of the High School. Mr. L. W. Loomis, a member of the board of education, offered to give for the use of the school the fine, seven inch lens telescope which he was then completing, provided a suitable building was erected to contain it. The offer was accepted and Loomis Observatory, a stone and brick structure was erected.

From 1899 to 1903, the school was in charge of E. A. Thornhill. Up to this time the High School course covered only three years, with an additional year for students taking Latin. Under Mr. Thornhill the course was raised to a full four years, with German added.

A. B. Carroll followed Mr. Thornhill for one year, and was succeeded by J. R. Sparks, who was the first to be officially styled "Superintendent", the title of "Principal" now falling to the first assistant. During Mr. Sparks' regime of two years (1905 and 1906) manual training and domestic science were introduced into the curriculum.

In the fall of 1907, Mr. E. A. Doolittle consented to return to the position he had resigned 26 years before to enter law practice. Many of his former pupils believed that his return saved the prestige of the school.

The school ran along smoothly for thirteen more years under Superintendent Doolittle, making a total of twenty years as head of the school.

T. H. Cobb became Superintendent in the fall of 1919 and served three years. During the next eight years Superintendents were: J. G. Pollard, 1922-1923; H. H. Davis, 1923-1924; E. T. Jackson, 1924-1927; Reuben Eber, 1927-1929; P. M. Tinsley, 1929-1930.

The need for more room was felt more than a dozen years ago. In May 1926, the contract was let for a large addition to the building, 45 x 125 feet. This addition nearly doubled the High School assembly room, provided a large gymnasium, used for entertainments, commencements, etc., domestic science and other class rooms and numerous other improvements.

Superintendents since 1930 include:
1930-1940, Abel A. Hanson
1940-1941, Olin W. Stead (Resigned to serve in the Armed Forces during World War II.
1942-1943, William R. Lowrey
1944-1946, Arbon Wetzel
1947-1959, Olin W. Stead

In 1952 the Carrollton and Eldred Schools were consolidated. The Community Unit District 1 takes care of students from Carrollton, Eldred (a community nine miles distant) and all the surrounding country students.

The first grade school was built in Mt. Gilead community, which was dedicated in 1955. This school was used until 1961. It is presently used as a Nursing Home.

The present Carrollton Community Unit High School, a new, modern building, was dedicated in 1956.

The old high school was torn down. The addition built in 1928, was left standing. To this, a new addition was added in 1961, which is now the Carrollton Grade School.

Louis Schrieter, the present Superintendent, was employed in 1959.

Present School Board Members are:

Paul Pressler, President

Neil Carter	Mrs. Robert Reynolds
Jake Claflin	Paul Hindelang
Henry Cordes, Jr.	Melvin Greer

EDUCATION TODAY

Our community has three fine educational institutions, consisting of two elementary schools and one large high school which takes care of students from Carrollton, Eldred (a community nine miles distant) and all the surrounding country students.

GRADE SCHOOL

Carrollton Grade School. First built as an addition to the old Carrollton School in 1956 when grade and high school buildings were separated. The one-story addition was added in 1961 and old part razed.

HIGH SCHOOL

Catholic Grade School conducted by the Dominican Sisters and Secular Priests. This new school built in 1968 replaces school built in the early 1900's (used as both grade and high school for a time.)

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BUILT 1877

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

St. John's Parochial School was established in 1877. It was first housed in a one story frame building on the north side of South Main Street nearly opposite the two story brick building which was erected in 1904. For a number of years only the elementary branches were taught, and many of its pupils entered and graduated from the Carrollton High School. From the start the school was taught by the Dominican Sisters.

The school building had been planned with a view to the ultimate establishment of a high school, and the plan was accomplished in 1922. The first graduating class, composed of eight boys and eight girls, received diplomas at the commencement exercises June 1, 1926. The High School continued for thirty years, the last class to graduate was in June 1956.

A new eight room grade school and gymnasium was erected south of the present Church and dedicated May 23, 1968, with an enrollment of 200 pupils. It is considered one of the most modern schools in this area.

LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

A SCHOOL OF YESTERDAY

LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

In 1945 a Christian Day School was opened with thirteen pupils, taught by Pastor A. O. Kaul. The school was conducted in a renovated chicken house standing where the present church building is located. Mr. Herman J. Speckhard became the teacher of the school in the fall of 1946, the school then being conducted in the Machine Shop in back of the Greene County Bank. Construction of the present church building got under way in 1946. From the fall of 1947 until the closing of the school in January 1958, after the teacher, Herman J. Speckhard, had accepted a call to St. Stephens' Lutheran School in Hickory, North Carolina, the school was conducted in the basement of the church.

CHURCHES

Carrollton is the proud possessor of eight different churches and religious organizations, thus showing the great amount of interest of the citizens of Carrollton in religion

METHODIST CHURCH

The Dodgson family, coming from Yorkshire, England, in 1821, were the pioneers of Methodism here. They settled about two and a half miles north of Carrollton, and a year or two later formed a society called Hopewell Class, which was the first organization of Methodists in the county. A few years later, this society built a brick church a little north of Daniel Morfoot's, and that continued a preaching place for many years.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Carrollton was organized in 1832. The congregation first worshipped in the courthouse, and afterward in a school house on the east side of the square. In 1836, a brick church building was erected, and this was torn down to make room for a better and more sightly structure, which was built in 1850-51. This was later a blacksmith shop, southwest of the square. The building in which the congregation now gather, was erected in 1883.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptist Church was organized in 1821 by Elder Jones of Madison County. Their first meeting house was a log cabin not far from the residence of Dr. J. F. Simpson. Among the original members of this church was Thomas Carlin, the founder of the town, and afterward the governor of the state. In the course of time, it moved eastward, and is now Providence Church. On the 28th of April 1827, at the house of Justus Rider, in the town of Carrollton, was founded the present Baptist Church of Carrollton.

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

When still stationed as a missionary in Jerseyville, Illinois, the late Rev. Norman G. Schumm canvassed the town of Carrollton, Illinois, and decided to conduct Lutheran services there. The first service was held in the Episcopal Church in Carrollton on January 15, 1933. After some time, Pastor Schumm took up residence in Carrollton, renting the building at 116 North Seventh Street, which later was purchased by the congregation and used as a residence by our teacher.

During the pastorate of the Rev. A. O. Kaul, in 1945, the Lutheran Mission in Carrollton adopted a constitution and became formally organized.

Pastor Kaul, during his pastorate in Carrollton, originated the publication, "The Lutheran Evangelist," which later came to be known as The World Wide Evangelist. In 1948 the Carrollton congregation, now known as Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, joined the Synod.

At present Pastor Duncan Stevenson of Dorsey, Illinois, is serving as vacancy pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Christian Church was organized in 1832, under the ministry of Elder B. W. Stone, with approximately 120 members. After a time there was dissension among some of the members and early in 1841 this church passed out of existence. In September of the same year, the church reorganized with 28 or 29 members. D. W. Kennett was chosen as elder. From that time on this church has had a very prosperous existence.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On the 30th of April 1823, a little knot of people, among whom were Rev. Oren Catlin and Rev. D. G. Sprague, met at the house of Zachariah Allen, in Carrollton, to confer upon the subject of organizing a Presbyterian Church. A second meeting of the kind was held soon after, and, finally, upon the 1th of May 1823, at a meeting held at the old courthouse, was instituted a church of this denomination, with a membership of twenty-one in number. The infant church could not have a shelter that it could call its own, but meetings were held, as circumstances would permit, sometimes in the courthouse, sometimes in a blacksmith shop near the northwest corner of the square. In 1837, a church building was erected. The present imposing church edifice was erected in 1867-68.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

A Pentecostal Church was organized in Carrollton about fifty years ago, and a frame building was erected, north of the public school building, about forty-eight years ago. It is now known as the Church of God, and has been served for brief periods by quite a number of pastors and evangelists.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Prior to 1871, the members of the Episcopal congregation in Carrollton held their services in the courthouse. Judge C. D. Hodges donated a lot on which to build a church. A frame structure was erected and was dedicated March 10, 1872. It was destroyed by fire August 19, 1886. It was replaced by a brick building, gothic in style, and was opened October 2, 1887. The congregation later disbanded and, after periods of occupation by other denominations and, vacancy, and as a teen center, the premises were sold to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price, who dismantled the the church and replaced it with a modern brick home.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

In 1853 the Catholics of Carrollton were occasionally visited by the Alton Clergy; then by priests from Jerseyville and other points. They first met for worship at the log cabin of Thomas Butler, later in what had previously been the Christian Church building. In 1860, Rev. J. B. Meri, a German priest, called at stated times. Rev. Adolphus Laurent, a French priest succeeded him. After difficulties and disappointments, they built a little brick church in 1863, when Father Klein took charge as resident pastor. Rev. John Sheridan was resident pastor in 1864-1865, and was succeeded by Rev. T. J. Clifford, whose heroic efforts during the cholera epidemic edified the community. One of his successors, Rev. A. J. Sauer, built an addition to the church in 1882 in the form of a cross wing, giving it a seating capacity for 550 persons. Father Sauer was pastor from 1877 to 1892. Rev. H. J. Hoven, a German, 1892-1903, was widely known as an accomplished musician and skillful organist. During Rev. J. J. Driscoll's term of office, the parochial school which was in use until May 1968, was built. He was an American and remained from 1903-1907, when Rev. D. J. Moroney took charge. Other pastors following them were: Rev. Michael Sheehy (1920-21), Rev. T. E. Cusack (1921-25), in whose term St. John's High School was originated, Rev. Thos. Costello (1926-37), Rev. Michael Enright (1937-1966), and the present pastor, Rev. Francis Cunningham.

CARROLLTON FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

The Carrollton Faith Baptist Mission had its beginnings in January 1955, and was organized as a church on January 26, 1958. The church was founded by the Rev. Francis Varble. The congregation met in the former Episcopal Church where they continued until a new church was built on South Third Street in 1960.

The present pastor is the Rev. Charles Barnes who recently moved to Carrollton from East St. Louis.

BANKS

THE GREENE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

The first bank established in Greene County was founded by David Pierson. In that year Mr. Pierson started the bank in connection with his mercantile business. Four years later he turned his entire attention to banking and in 1859 he began the erection of the three story brick building at the northwest corner of the square, the building presently occupied by A. D. Wilson, M.D.

In 1874, Mr. Pierson's sons, Robert and David D. Pierson, became partners in the firm of David Pierson & Sons, what was then known as " Pierson's Exchange Bank."During the panics of 1857 - 1872 when nearly every bank in the state was closed, this institution never refused to meet a just demand.

In 1878, David Pierson retired from the business and the Greene County National Bank was organized to succeed the old organization. It began business July 1, with a Paid Capital of $100,000.

Its first officers were:
John I. Thomas, President
David D. Pierson, Vice President
Robert Pierson, Cashier
Ornan Pierson, Ass't. Cashier

The present building was erected in 1905.

S. E. Pierson was connected with the Greene County National Bank for over 67 years. He served as President from 1924 to 1963.

Present Officers of the Greene County National Bank in Carrollton are:
Philip A. Daum, President
William P. Schmidt, Vice President
Walter P. Schmidt, Cashier
E. Neal Gillingham, Ass't. Cashier
Joe Goeddey, Farm Representative
William G. Vogt, Chairman of the Board
Bob D. Price, Charles T. Meek, Herbert Widdowson, Julia Pierson, Directors

THE CARROLLTON BANK

The Carrollton Bank was established on August 9, 1877, with Benjamin Roodhouse, President, and William Beatty, Cashier. The other stockholders were David Wright, C. H. Hodges, John Kaser and Jeduthan B. Eldred. At the time of the original opening, Judge C. D. Hodges was erecting a substantial brick building to be used by the bank; however, actual banking was begun in a small adjacent building until completion of the new building on the north side of the public square.

THE CARROLLTON BANK

In October 1886, the stockholders of The Carrollton Bank bought the John Long Bank and reorganized. John L. Eldred and B. C. Hodges, who became stockholders at this time, were elected Cashier and Assistant Cashier, respectively.

On October 22, 1907, this bank was chartered as a State Bank under the banking laws of the State of Illinois, with the following men serving as directors: Beverly C. Hodges, John L. Eldred, Samuel W. Eldred, Henry Schafer, Henry T. Rainey, Luther Lynn, R. G. Fain and Thomas Henshaw. The bank officers at this time were: Beverly C. Hodges, President; Henry Schafer, Vice President; John L. Eldred, Cashier; Charles H. Eldred, Assistant Cashier and John J. Eldred, 2nd Assistant Cashier.

A chronological listing of the men who have served as presidents of this bank is as follows:

Benjamin Roodhouse	1877–1883
George W. Davis	1883–1905
Beverly C. Hodges	1905–1932
Henry Achafer	1932–1937
John J. Eldred	1937–1960
Francis T. Vaughn	1960–1963
Thomas S. Hough	1963 to the present time.

The Carrollton Bank is still doing business in its original building on the north side of the square.

The present Directors are: Francis T. Vaughn, (Board Chairman), Kenneth W. Black, E. L. Bowman, Thomas S. Hough and Jack McDonald.

The present Officers are:
T. S. Hough, President and Cashier
Jack McDonald, Vice President
Mrs. Leonard (Marie) Stone, Assistant Cashier
Fred W. Hartman, Assistant Cashier
Mrs. Charles (Mary) Edwards, Assistant Cashier
Mrs. John T. (Mary) Owens, Assistant Cashier
Mrs. Fred W. (Lorna) Hartman, Assistant Cashier

DEDICATION OF THOMAS H. BOYD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The Thomas H. Boyd Memorial Hospital was dedicated Sunday afternoon, September 21, 1941, climaxing an ambition for years in this community. The institution was donated in memory of Thomas H. Boyd by his daughter, Mrs. Virginia Boyd Kelsey. After the dedication rites conducted by the Rev. Paul R. Zwilling of Deaconess Hospital, St. Louis, a concert was given by the Carrollton School Band, then the hospital was opened to the public. With pride, approximately three thousand people viewed the new hospital.

The story begins when the late Mrs. Virginia Kelsey of Chicago left to the city of Carrollton $150,000 to be used to erect a hospital, if the physicians of Carrollton wanted it, and would agree to serve on the board. This sum, Mrs. Kelsey felt, could pay for a hospital which might be a fitting memorial to her father, the late Judge Thomas A. Boyd, prominent resident of Carrollton.

However, it developed that some of Mrs. Kelsey's fortune had been lost in power investments during the 1930 crash. The $150,000 fund had dwindled to $35,000 for building purposes and $25,000 for an endowment fund. Now $35,000 doesn't go far and it is at this point the people of the community entered the scene. Residents of Carrollton and vicinity reasoned that a fine building could be erected with $35,000, providing the money could be devoted to the building only, and they decided to take upon themselves the job of furnishing and equipping the hospital.

A Corporation was formed with Dr. A. K. Baldwin, President, Dr. A. D. Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. S. F. March, Dr. W. F. Waggoner, Joseph Clark, Sr., Jack McDonald and Francis Vaughn formed the Board of Trustees. On this board, Mr. Ben W. Mehl acted as the Chairman of Finance.

These men were formerly in charge of construction of the building and the purchase of equipment, but they are the loudest in protesting that they gave nothing that wasn't given by everybody else, who gave of their time and money according to their means. Sums were donated ranging from 50 cents to $1000 and donations came from as far away as California from former residents. The late Justice Norman L. Jones donated the site upon which the Thomas H. Boyd Hospital was built.

Mrs. Bernice Meade, former head nurse at Deaconess Hospital at Lincoln, Illinois was the Superintendent of the new 20 bed hospital and served faithfully until her resignation October 1, 1965. During her administration there were two additions added. In 1950 the west wing was built and in 1958 a second wing was added for obstetrics, increasing the capacity of the hospital to 50 beds.

Following the resignation and retirement of Mrs. Meade, Roy Shoemaker, Anna, Illinois became the new administrator in October 1965, and at present is serving the hospital in this capacity.

At the time of this publication a 26,000 square foot addition is being constructed, this will include an extended care facility called, "The Reisch Memorial Addition", with a total cost of some $900,000, this cost includes furnishing and equipment. This project will be accomplished from money received from the wills of the late, Mardena F. Reisch and Louis Reisch Estates, also the, Hill Burton Grant and from local contributions from many Greene County citizens.

Serving the hospital on the Board of Trustees at the present time are: Arthur K. Baldwin, M.D., Arthur D. Wilson, M.D., Paul A. Dailey, M.D., Jack McDonald, Joseph S. Clark, Francis Vaughn and Thomas S. Hough.

THOMAS BOYD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

MRS. BERNICE MEADE
FIRST SUPERINTENDENT
OF BOYD MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL
SERVED FAITHFULLY
FOR TWENTY-FOUR
YEARS

ROY SHOEMAKER
PRESENT
ADMINISTRATOR

PHYSICIANS

PAUL A. DAILEY, M.D.

Paul Anthony Dailey, M.D., Physician and Surgeon, was born June 13, 1908, Burlington, Iowa, son of John A. and Katherine Mangan Dailey, Attended University of Notre Dame 1928-1931 and awarded Bachelor of Science Degree in Preprofessional Studies, Class of 1932. Attended Medical School at St. Louis University, 1931-1933 and Chicago Medical School 1934-1936, Degree of Doctor of Medicine, 1936. Internship, St. Joseph's Hospital, Lorain, Ohio, 1936-1937. Private Practice - Macoupin County, Illinois 1938-1940, Carrollton, Illinois 1940 to date. Served in Army Medical Corp 1942-1946.

Married Margaret Eagen Dailey in Austin, Minnesota on July 16, 1938. Children, Dr. John Charles Dailey, graduate of the University of Notre Dame in Preprofessional Studies and Degree of Doctor of Medicine from University of Illinois School of Medicine. Internship at San Bernardino County Hospital, California, and is presently a Naval Medical Officer stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. John is married to the former Patricia Bean of East St. Louis and they are the parents of three children. David Kevin Dailey has finished his Junior year at the University of Notre Dame and is in the College of Liberal Arts.

Member of Greene County Medical Society (Secretary 1949-1966), Illinois State Medical Society (Chairman, Committee on Nutrition 1952 to date, Council on Scientific Advancement), American Academy of General Practice, American Medical Association (Alternate Delegate to AMA from Illinois State Medical Society to date), American Legion, Lions, Knights of Columbus, Missouri Athletic Club.

Hospital Appointments: Attending Staff - Boyd Memorial Hospital, Carrollton, Illinois. Courtesy Staff - Holy Cross Hospital and Passavant Hospital, Jacksonville, Illinois. Member, Board of Trustees, Boyd Memorial Hospital, Carrollton, Illinois.

P. A. DAILEY, M.D.

A. K. BALDWIN, M.D.

A. D. WILSON, M.D.

JUDE A. CASELTON, M.D.

ARTHUR KIRBY BALDWIN, M.D.

Dr. Baldwin was born July 12, 1888 near Berwick, Warren County, Illinois.

He was graduated from the University of Chicago School of Medicine (Rush Medical College) in 1916.

After two years internship at Michael Reece Hospital in Chicago he was commissioned First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Medical Corps and was assigned to Camp Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina where he served for about a year. He then spent a year with the United States forces in Siberia.

On June 28, 1922 he and Sarah Louise Murphy were married. They have three sons and six grand-children.

Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin came to Carrollton on November 28, 1924. He was named the General Practitioner of the Year in Illinois in 1958 and has been President of the Board of Trustees of Boyd Memorial Hospital since the first building was completed in 1941. It was then a twenty bed hospital.

ARTHUR D. WILSON, M.D.

Arthur Dickinson Wilson, Physician and Surgeon, was born January 27, 1907 on a farm near Morrisonville, Illinois to Mr. and Mrs. John Dickinson Wilson. His family later moved to the Piasa vicinity and Arthur Wilson attended the Alton High School where he was an outstanding athlete. He graduated from the College of Medicine, University of Illinois, June 13, 1931. Internship – St. Louis City Hospital 1931-1932. Dr. Wilson began his practice of medicine September 19, 1932 on the second floor of the Hodges building. His office was later moved to its present location on the Northwest corner of the square. Last year he completed 35 years of service to the community.

He served in the Army from October 1942 to November 1945, with overseas duty.

Arthur D. Wilson and Gudron O. Birger were married April 16, 1933. To this union were born two sons, Stuart D. Wilson and Eric B. Wilson, both sons are physicians.

JUDE A. CASELTON, M.D.

Jude A. Caselton was born in Carrollton, September 18, 1934, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Caselton. He attended St. John's Grade School and two years of high school, graduated from Carrollton High School in 1952. He served in the Air Force from 1953 to 1957 of which time one year was spent in Alaska. He took his pre-medical courses at Southern Illinois University. He took his first year of medical school at St. Louis School of Medicine, then transferred to U of I Medical School in Chicago for the remaining three years, graduating in June 1964. He completed one year of internship at Decatur Macon Co. Hospital in Decatur, Illinois in 1965, remaining for a short course in anesthesiology at Decatur. He began practice in Carrollton in October, 1965, his office being located just west of the Post Office.

Dr. Caselton was married to Mary Kathleen Pranger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pranger on June 18, 1960. Dr. and Mrs. Caselton have three children, Kathleen Marie, who will be a second grader in St. John's School; Mark Anthony will be in kindergarten this fall and Judith Ann, at home, will be four.

THE SQUARE AND SURROUNDING AREA

NORTH SIDE OF SQUARE

WEST SIDE OF SQUARE

EAST SIDE OF SQUARE

NORTH OFF 267

SOUTH SIDE OF SQUARE

267 LOOKING SOUTH

THE SQUARE AND SURROUNDING AREA

EAST CARROLLTON

RAILROAD STATION , EAST PART OF CARROLLTON

EAST CARROLLTON

GREENE COUNTY SERVICE COMPANY

ASC OFFICE

GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

THE SQUARE AND SURROUNDING AREA

VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER

NORTH SIDE SQUARE LOOKING WEST

MEHL FUNERAL HOME

B. W. Mehl came to the City of Carrollton to work for Frank Kergher in his funeral establishment November 12, 1918 and remained with him until Mr. Kergher's death in 1934. The Kergher Funeral and Furniture business was started back in the 1800's by Conrad Kergher, father of Frank Kergher.

In early 1935 Mr. Mehl and son Everett bought the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barnett, which had been the family home of both Mrs. Laura Tunnell and Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, for the purpose of establishing the first Funeral Home in the City of Carrollton.

Mr. B. W. Mehl passed away in 1959. Since that time the Home has been operated by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mehl.

FEDERAL LAND BANK & ILLINI PCA

HIRES FUNERAL HOME

HARDWARE, STOVES AND FURNITURE – This combination was carried on by the S. E. Simpson and Company. It was started on the west side of the square in 1886 at which time S. E. Simpson and S. A. Black constituted the firm. In 1887 Mr. Black retired and in 1889 E. C. Simpson became a new member of the firm and furniture and undertaking were added. The new firm occupied the old Sol Smith Russell building on the north side. It then moved to the Wright Block where it occupied the first and second floors of what was better known as the S. E. Simpson Furniture Store until it was destroyed by fire.

In the early 1900's Mr. L. P. Simpson joined the firm and 1931 he and Mrs. Lois Simpson purchased from Mr. Charles Casey the large brick house on the corner of 5th and Walnut Streets. This house was built in 1859 by the late Dr. J. K. Sharon and he and his family lived there a number of years. After extensive remodeling was completed the Simpson Funeral Home opened in 1935, owned and operated by the late Mr. L. P. Simpson and his wife, who still resides in Carrollton.

The business was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Simpson in 1953 by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Imus. It was operated by them until April, 1966 when it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hires. It is now known as the Hires Funeral Home

SURROUNDING AREA

COLUMBIANA SEED COMPANY

While not actually a part of Carrollton, but certainly an industry that is an important factor in the economy of the whole Carrollton Community, we recognize the many years of service by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Best and their family, owners of Columbiana Farms and Columbiana Seed Company.

The Columbiana Enterprises are located largely in the Columbiana Farms between Eldred and Kampsville. The Columbiana Farm consists of 1,800 acres of land formerly acquired and cleared by Edward Boyle. To this acreage 2,200 acres has been added by the Best Family.

General farming is carried on in addition to the production of hybrid seed corn for the states of Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North and South Carolina.

Columbiana Seed Company is said to be the largest independent seed company in existence, and has produced 18,000 acres of seed in one year. It has 30 drying plants, 7 processing plants and 3 refrigeration plants in the Mississippi Valley between Route 36 and Memphis, Tennessee. Most of the seed is produced in Greene, Jersey and Scott Counties in Illinois with lesser amounts in Southern Illinois and Tennessee.

Columbiana produces 3,500 hogs each year and feeds 6,000 to 7,000 cattle.

Columbiana has approximately 10,000 pecan trees of which over half are grafted trees of the best varieties known in Northern United States. The nut trees are fertilized, and sprayed to produce the highest quality of nuts. The trees are shaken, the nuts picked up, cleaned and sized with special machinery. Many varieties are proven as valuable as corn on an acre basis.

Columbiana has 200 regular employees and hire many more during the rush season.

SIERRA MOTEL

The Sierra Motel was built in 1956, by Milton (Pick) Tribble. Building started in April and was completed in July. Mr. Tribble was hospitilized much of this time and passed away the day the building was completed. Mrs. Ethel Flamm, administrator of Mr. Tribble's estate, operated the motel the first year. In 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Banghart purchased the motel and are operating it under the same name "Sierra Motel".

GREENE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

The history of the organization of the Greene County Farm Bureau dates back to the Greene County Fair of 1913. The Greene County Fair Association President, the late Henry T. Rainey, took note that several farmers in the county were in favor of a farm organization with a paid Farm Adviser. In February 1914, the Greene County Farm Improvement Association was formed with the following officers: Brace Fane, President; John H. Thomas, Vice President; L. H. Raffety, Secretary; and L. T. Lee, Treasurer. The The Association did not survive due to lack of finances.

Articles favorable to an organization of farmers appeared in county newspapers. Many farmers wrote letters requesting the organization and voluntary workers enrolled members. The organization meeting was held January 3, 1918 with 220 charter members.

Louis Lowenstein of White Hall was the first president. E. M. Phillips was employed in March as the first farm adviser, and on April 26, 1918 opened an office on the southwest corner of the square.

The 1968 officers are: Eldon Starkweather, Farm Adviser, James Esarey, President, and Mrs. Eloise Tholen, Home Adviser.

HEINOLD HOG MARKET

This Livestock Market was built north of Carrollton in May 1965. The friendly manager is Kenneth Butler. Two persons are employed.

CARROLLTON AUCTION SALES

The Carrollton Sales Company, owned and operated by P. J. Achenbach and L. L. Seely was established in 1932. It was located on South Main Street, the present location of the K. C. Hall. In 1948 Mr. Seely became sole owner when he purchased Mr. Achenbach's share in the Sale Barn.

The present building was erected in 1948. It is located east of the city limits and is known as the Carrollton Auction Sales.

In 1965 L. L. Seely sold the Auction Sales to his son, Kendell Seely, who operates the business, holding sales each Saturday. The Auction Sales and the restaurant in building employ approximately 30 persons.

Distinguished Citizen

HENRY T. RAINEY

CONGRESSMAN HENRY T. RAINEY

Henry Thomas Rainey was born in Carrollton, Greene County, Illinois, on August 20, 1860, the son of John and Kate (Thomas) Rainey.

After attending the public schools of Carrollton, he entered Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1879. He then attended Amherst College of Massachusetts and received his Degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1883. He was graduated from the Union College of Law at Chicago in 1885, with a Bachelor of Laws Degree. He later received his Master of Arts Degree and Doctor of Laws Degree from Amherst. He also received a Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Illinois in 1930.

He practiced law in Carrollton from 1885 to 1902, and served as Master in Chancery of Greene County from 1887 to 1895.

Mr. Rainey was elected to Congress from the Twentieth Illinois District in 1903 and served continuously, with the exception of the 67th Congress. He was Democratic Leader of the 72d Congress and Speaker of the House of the 73d Congress until the time of his death on August 19, 1934.

On June 27, 1888, Mr. Rainey married Ella McBride of Harvard, Nebraska.

Speaker Rainey's legislative work was noted for his efforts and accomplishments in behalf of humanitarian measures. As a scholar and orator he had few peers in the Nation.

Distinguished Citizen
NORMAN L. JONES

JUDGE NORMAN L. JONES

Taken from Memorial Services held in the Supreme Court at the February Term, 1941.

Norman L. Jones, the son of John and Minerva E. Jones, was born at Patterson, Illinois, September 19, 1869. A member of one of the pioneer families of Greene County, he was born in and remained a life-long resident of that county. He was educated in the public schools of Carrollton, attended Valparaiso University for a year, and then was admitted to the United States Military Academy at West Point. After two years of training, he resigned from the Military Academy because of the illness of his father, returned to Carrollton and began the study of law in the office of H. C. Withers. He was admitted to the bar of Illinois in 1896.

The youngest man ever to sit in the Illinois House of Representatives, he was elected to serve the first of two terms in that body at the age of 21. In 1900 he became associated in the practice of law in Carrollton with the late Congressman Henry T. Rainey. From 1902 to 1910 he was City Attorney of Carrollton and from 1912 to 1914 State's Attorney of Greene County. On being elected judge for the seventh judicial circuit, to fill a vacancy, he terminated his partnership with Congressman Rainey in 1914 and resigned as State's Attorney. He was re-elected circuit judge in 1915, 1921 and 1927, each time withoutopposition. From 1921 to 1931, he served as a member of the Illinois Appellate Court for the Second District. In 1931 he was elected to the Supreme Court of Illinois to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Justice Williams M. Farmer, and, in 1933, he was re-elected to that court. He served as Chief Justice of the court in 1934-1935 and he again assumed that position at the June, 1940, term.

A leader in the Democratic party, he was the nominee of that party for Governor of the State of Illinois in 1924, and served as a delegate to several Democratic national conventions. For many years he was an active member of the Illinois State Bar Association.

In 1906 he married Miss Almeda Pegram of Carrollton. One son Norman P. Jones, a member of the Illinois bar, survives.

Judge Jones died at Our Saviour's Hospital in Jacksonville on November 15, 1940.

Distinguished Citizen

SIDNEY E. SIMPSON

CONGRESSMAN SIDNEY E. SIMPSON

Sidney E. Simpson was born in Carrollton, Greene County, Illinois, on September 20, 1891, the son of S. Elmer and Martha (Andrews) Simpson. He attended the public schools and graduated from Carrollton High School.

During World War I, he served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. He became a charter member of the American Legion, attending the original American Legion caucus in Paris, France, on March 17, 1919. He was the first commander of Carrollton American Legion Post 114.

He was engaged in business in Carrollton for 30 years as owner of Simpson Motor Company.

Mr. Simpson was Republican Chairman of Greene County for a period of 30 years, a member of the executive committee of the County Chairman's Association of Illinois, City Treasurer of Carrollton for one term, and a member of the Carrollton Board of Education.

On January 3, 1943, he first took the oath of office as an elected Representative to the 78th Congress for the 20th District of Illinois, and was re-elected for seven successive terms. He served on the Committee on Agriculture for all but the first four of his sixteen years in Congress; as a member of the House District of Columbia Committee for sixteen years, being chairman of this committee during the 83rd Congress and never ceasing his activity and interest in legislation relating to his Nation's Capitol; and as a member of the National Rivers and Harbors Committee. He had been renominated to the 86th Congress at the time of his death, which occurred on October 26, 1958, in Pittsfield, Illinois. He was married to the former Edna Oakes on February 1, 1920, and she and their daughters, Martha (Mrs. Arthur Stoffel, Jr.) and Janet, survive. Mrs. Edna Simpson was elected as Representative to the 86th Congress, 1958-1960. She was a member of the Committee of Interior and Insular Affairs and of the Committee on House Administration.

THREE BROTHERS

Former Judges of the County Court of Greene County, Illinois, Attorney Gilbert K. Hutchens, Attorney Julian Hutchens and Attorney Norbert L. Hutchens.

THREE DOCTORS –
A FATHER AND TWO SONS

Dr. Arthur D. Wilson, Carrollton, Illinois
Dr. Stuart D. Wilson, Lake Bluff, Illinois
Dr. Eric B. Wilson, Madison, Wisconsin

SCENES AT WALNUT HALL

THE HENRY T. RAINEY FARM AS IT LOOKED IN 1909

SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY OFFICIALS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT A PICNIC HELD AT WALNUT HALL IN 1915

CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS AND ONE SPANISH WAR SOLDIER AT THE HENRY T. RAINEY HOME. (Correct Order Unknown)

Among those pictured are: Abe Henderson, Lincoln's Law Partner, John Roberts, John Carmody, James Russell, Anthony Connole, Robert Black, Robert Clark, Frank Day, James Williams, Isham Linder, H. T. Rainey, William O'Conner, James Tapp, Mrs. Rainey, George Scroggins, Walter Kelley, Dexter Wells, Jack Admire, Benjamin Stout, Dan Meister, Herman T. Hermes, Gordon Heron, Dr. Squire, Dr. J. B. Hayes

FAIR DIRECTORS LEAVING RAINEY HOME AFTER LUNCHEON WITH MR. & MRS RAINEY. (Standing on Porch)
CROUCH & SONS PREMIUM 6 IN HAND TEAM WHICH TOOK MANY PREMIUMS AT FAIRS

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISERS AT THE HENRY T. RAINEY HOME
1–Mark Davidson, 2–James Griffith, 3–unknown, 4–Frank Doyle, 5–Carson Metcalf, 6–Henry T. Rainey, 7–William C. Kelly, 8–Martin Kaffer, 9–unknown, 10–F. Brace Dawson, County Clerk, 11–Jesse Edwards, Sheriff, 12–Jacob Pope, 13–John Jones, 14–James Howard, 15–Herman Geers, 16–James Burns, 17–Horace W. Foreman, County Treasurer

WALNUT HALL

This stately old home, with its stone-gated entry, was purchased by Mr. Rainey from John H. Longmeyer on September 1, 1909. It had formerly been known as the Luman Curtius homestead and was built in 1858 of brick burned on the ground, with hand-carved woodwork. Mr. Rainey's special hobby was that of beautifying the place, preserving its splendid old trees, and transforming the grounds about the residence into a beautiful park, with three lakes, flower gardens, fish ponds, classic pagodas and bits of statuary. East of the house he turned a pasture into a deer park, stocked with a herd of Japanese deer. He also turned his attention to dairy farming, erecting one of the finest dairy barns in this part of Illinois, and built up a splendid herd of Holsteins. In addition to the original 200 acres, he bought adjoining tracts and the farm soon comprised 185 acres. The house itself was furnished throughout with antiques from every country on the globe.

Mrs. Rainey had been the first president of the local council of the Girl Scouts in Washington D.C., taking her work and passing her tests under Juliette Lowe, the founder of the Girl Scouts of America, and both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts found Walnut Hall a happy hunting ground, with every facility for picnics, camping and swimming.

After dissolving his partnership with Justice Norman L. Jones, Mr. Rainey moved his office to Walnut Hall and Mrs. Rainey was his personal secretary. In the library of the great house, he transacted business in the summer and received delegations of farm friends. As a country squire, Speaker Rainey grew to be the community's most revered citizen.

CARROLLTON, HOME OF HENRY T. RAINEY, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

For many years this sign stood just outside of town, but on August 22, 1934, this sign, as well as the Courthouse entrance and other public buildings, were draped with black and white flags of mourning. This was the day "Henry T." was laid to his eternal rest beside the graves of his parents in Carrollton Cemetery.

Escorted by a huge detail of motorcycle policemen and about twenty cars, the funeral cortege arrived in Carrollton from St. Louis where Speaker Rainey's death had occurred at DePaul Hospital on August 19th. His body was taken to the rotunda of the Greene County Courthouse which was banked with beautiful floral tributes where he lay in state from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., with a detail of the Carrollton American Legion Post standing solemn guard. A continuous double line of people passed by to look for the last time upon the calm face of the man who had been born in Carrollton almost 74 years before, and had become one of its most prominent citizens.

At 1:00 the procession started from the Courthouse, out North Main Street and State Highway 108, the mile to the Rainey Home. The driveway leading up to the residence had been transformed into an avenue of flags at half staff. Along the roadway between town and the home, Boy Scouts and Legionaires formed a continuous guard of honor.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt arrived by special train from Washington D.C. at 3:35 P.M. and was met by Senator William H. Dieterich, Governor Henry Horner and Justice Norman L. Jones of the Illinois Supreme Court, a long-time friend and former law partner, who accompanied him to the Rainey homestead where the brief and simple ritual of the Episcopal Church was read by Bishop John Chanler White of Springfield. Active Pallbearers were old neighbors and associates of Speaker Rainey in Carrollton: John J. Eldred and S. E. Pierson, bankers, William Hubbard and Brace Fain, farmers, L. A. Mehrhoff, lawyer, and Sid Simpson, garage owner. President Roosevelt remained inside until after the heavy copper casket had been placed in the hearse and the procession to the cemetery began. He did not go to the cemetery but was taken directly back to his train which left Carrollton at 5:34 P.M. to return to Washington.

The President's coming was a marker of the greatness of Mr. Rainey for never before had a president of the United States set foot in this little Illinois town, and the great turnout of upwards from 20,000 of his old neighbors and constituents was a marker of the esteem in which Speaker Rainey was held in his home bailiwick.

HISTORICAL MARKERS

THE CANNON

The Carlin Monument, given by General Wm. Passmore Carlin was informally unveiled September 28, 1901 to the memory of all Greene County Soldiers and Sailors.

Surmounting the massive pile of simple and classical design, rests the hundred-pounder gun which weighs about five ton, and was given to the Carrollton Post, G.A.R. by United States Government.

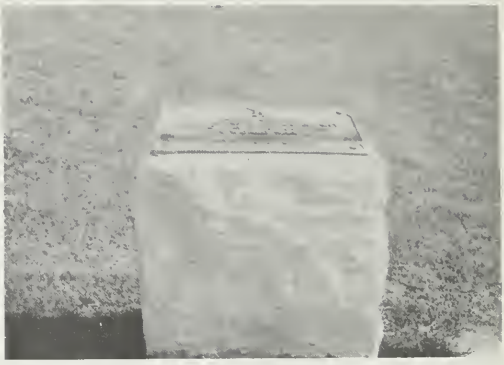
The gun, one of the largest type in active service during the Civil War, was at one time on the gun boat, Sassacus. It arrived at Carrollton, Illinois, the County Seat, October 26, 1900 and was formally dedicated October 24, 1901.

HENRY T. RAINEY MONUMENT

In November 1902, Henry Thomas Rainey was elected to the Lower House of Congress and served from 1903 to 1921, and from 1923 until his death.

The statue and the park in which it stands were dedicated August 12, 1937.

Walnut Hall Farm, Rainey's beautiful home is located about a mile east of Carrollton.



In memory of the citizens who served our Country in World War II. Dedicted by the Lion's Club in 1947.

HINTON HOUSE – TODAY

Built about 1832 by James Reno, father of the now famous Major Marcus A. Reno. It was known at that time as the "Tavern House." The name was changed to the "Hinton House" in 1850 when Judge Alfred Hinton bought it for a combined hotel, tavern, general store, stage coach stop and drug store (one of the first drug stores). From 1890 to to 1896 this building was known as the Bassham house and was one of the leading hotels of Carrollton under the management of W. F. Stock. From 1896 to 1900 it was known as West Side House. One of its most famous patrons was Abraham Lincoln.

Today, this building is known as the "Hinton House" and houses the Greene County Historical Society (as well as apartments, bus station and appliance store). The first meeting of this society was held Feb. 22, 1952. Mrs. Lansing Dickson was its first President. Mr. John Griswold now holds this office. They discover and collect items of historical value, provide for preservation of material and make it accessible to the public, hoping one day to restore Hinton House as a museum and historical landmark, with an appropriate plaque in honor of Major Marcus A. Reno.

BUSINESS FIRMS YESTERDAY AND TODAY

JUDGE ALFRED HINTON

WEST SIDE HOUSE NOW KNOWN AS HINTON HOUSE

THE CARROLLTON BANK IN 1896
Standing in front of the Bank are:
B. C. Hodges, Jas. McNabb & Rev. Haskins, Presbyterian Minister

THE GREENE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK ERECTED IN 1905

BUSINESS FIRMS YESTERDAY AND TODAY

HORACE FOREMAN STORE

F. P. McDONOUGH CLOTHING STORE, EAST SIDE OF SQUARE, NOW RUSSELL WILES SHOE STORE
Pictured L to R - Wm. Schmidt, Dr. March, Thomas Hynes, Cal White, F. P. McDonough & Henry Schmidt

LINN'S BUTCHERSHOP – 1919

INSIDE THE TREASURER'S OFFICE IN THE COURTHOUSE
JOHN B. MORROW & A. H. JOHNSON

BUSINESS FIRMS YESTERDAY AND TODAY

J. M. WIDDOWSON LUMBER COMPANY

The Widdowson Lumber Company was started in 1885 by Alvin Pegram, who sold to L. S. Bushnell. Title passed to J. M. Widdowson (father and grandfather of the present owners) in 1893.

In 1931 after the death of his father, J. M. Widdowson continued the Lumber Company. In 1945 he purchased the Walter A. Brown Lumber Company and merged the two yards.

In 1958, Herbert W. Widdowson, son of J. M. Widdowson, joined the firm. The name changed at this time to J. M. Widdowson and is still doing business at the original location.

LYNN FAIN'S STORE IN 1899, NOW A. GEERS & COMPANY
Pictured are Albert Geers, Mrs. Anna Hubbard & Sam Smith

A. Geers and Company Dry Goods, traces back a continous business to the firm of Mr. Farland and Lynn, in 1888, Lynn, Fain and Company in 1905 and finally A. GEERS AND COMPANY 1912.

This store is still in operation, in the same location under the name of A. Geers and Company with Francis A. Geers as manager. Employed in the store at this time are: Mrs. Virginia Snidle, Mrs. Bessie Koster and Mrs. Charlotte White.

WILLIAM'S MEAT MARKET
Meade Williams & Mrs. Ella Jane Carter Maberry

BALTZ BROS. AND COMPANY BUILDING

Baltz Bros. and Co. were established on May 5, 1885, by George Baltz, veteran wagon maker, and his sons, Henry and Joseph. They leased a building, which had been erected in 1877, from the Carrollton Manufacturing Company. They purchased the building in 1888.

Early advertisements included - machinery repair, ironwork, horseshoeing, woodwork and painting wagons and farm machinery.

Slowly the business changed. Bicycles became very popular. Horseshoeing declined as automobiles increased. Factory made goods replaced hand made articles. A sales force replaced the labor force.
George and Francis Baltz, sons of Henry Baltz, worked in the store while still in school. After graduation, they opened an auto repair shop. Upon returning home from service in World War I, they purchased the T. D. Pratt Garage and opened the Baltz Filling Station and Baltz Feed Store. Later they returned to the original Baltz Bros. Company.

The historical old Baltz Building was razed in January 1966 to be replaced by the Kroger Supermarket.

In January 1966, George Baltz opened the present Baltz Bros. and Company Store on the west side of the square. He is the oldest retailer on the square, both in age and the number of years in business.

MRS. ROCKWELL (Center)

The store known as Rockwell's in "Ladies Ready To Wear" was bought by Mrs. Mary Rockwell, June 20, 1920 from McGillen-Bowman. She had previously been affiliated with the Sharon Store for twelve years.

Mary Rockwell celebrated her 85th birthday on May 29, 1964.

In June of 1965 the store was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price and was opened for business February 1, 1965, under the name of "Betty of Rockwells."

Mary Rockwell was the founder and first president of the Business and Professional Woman's Club, which was organized in May 1928. Mrs. Rockwell passed away May 1967.

MANUFACTURING TODAY

EMPCO – Built and opened in July 1953. Contract Manufacturers of small parts. First managers - Ben Kania, Sr. and Earl Sherwood. Gale Brock has been manager since 1955.

MANUFACTURING YESTERDAY

In 1850 (just 29 years after the site of Carrollton was decided upon) the CARROLLTON MACHINE SHOP AND FOUNDRY was founded, it was one of the most extensive manufacturing establishments in the County. It grew from a small cross-road blacksmith shop to such proportions that it required the accommadations of the brick building, known to us as the Baltz Brothers Building, formerly located on the southwest corner of the square. The business was owned by William W. and R. B. Winn and was sold in 1877 to J. C. Burruss. About 20 men were employed making Hollow Ware, Aquaria, House fronts and casting machinery.

From out of the History of Greene County, we learn of the MACHINE SHOP AND FOUNDRY, owned and operated by Oswald Jackson. It stood one block south of the square. Mr. Jackson conducted his work with skill and energy and was prepared to fill all orders in machine or foundry work in the most scientific manner, making a specialty of house front work, columns, step lates, window sills, etc.

In 1852, a grist mill, equipped with three run of buhrs, was built by Wright & Germain at a cost of $10,000. In September 1862, F. P. Vedder purchased the property of R. F. Germain, who had bought out his partner some time previous. In March 1863, he disposed of it to David Pierson. In April 1881, it was purchased by Thomas Hough who was born in England in 1844 and came to Carrollton in 1863, where he worked in Pierson's flour mill. He remodeled the mill, putting in a full set of roller machinery for making the best quality of flour the market afforded. This mill, known as the CARROLLTON ROLLER MILL, burned in 1886. In 1889, Mr. Hough started a lumberyard. He died in 1922.

Alvin Pegram, an enterprising LUMBER AND GRAIN DEALER, built an elevator in 1880, north of the depot. Later the ADVANCE MILL AND ELEVATOR was erected in the west part of town, where the flour "Pride of Carrollton" was milled. This ELEVATOR proved to be one of largest manufacturing establishments in Carrollton and the "Pride of Carrollton" was shipped all over the United States. The heaviest shipments were made to the southern states. The flour was sold and shipped in car load lots. The mill employed a large number of people, but it, too, was destroyed by fire.

1885 - There were TWO ELEVATORS in the city, one operated by R. H. Davis, current member of the General Assembly, and the other by Hussey and Company.

We also had a CANNING FACTORY located in the east end of the City. It employed a large force of people and canned a variety of vegetables and fruits. The best tomatoes in the world were canned at that factory. If your hands were small enough you could easily reach through the crates and help yourself.

THE GREENE COUNTY CREAMERY, established October 2, 1885, was located on Fourth Street in what is known as the old factory. It was established by a stock company, the officers being: John Kaser, A. J. Tunnell, Frank P. Greene, N. J. Andrews, and Wm. D. Waltrip. The company was composed of 33 stockholders.

CARROLLTON CARRIAGE MANUFACTORY - H. R. Watt, 1864.

THE EAGLEHOFF CARRIAGE AND WAGON FACTORY was a thriving manufacturing establishment, located east of the Scott Manufacturing Company in the then, three story brick building, which now houses the Carrollton fire truck and the Schneider Feed Store.

WAGON, CARRIAGE AND BUGGY MAKER - Thomas Cooper, May 1, 1852.

Louis Hensler manufactured wagons and did BLACKSMITHING.

D. H. Gillespie owned the SAW MILLS south of town that provided some of the lumber that repaired the old board walks we used to have. The lumber was sold to the City by contract as the city had need of large numbers of planks to replace the broken ones.

On August 22, 1874, Lombard and Company opened a STEAM FEATHER RENOVATING ESTABLISHMENT on the southwest corner of the square and planned to locate in the city if business justified the move.

The year 1860 brought Loomis & Villinger who made a specialty of Manufacturing MICROSCOPES, TELESCOPES, SPY GLASSES AND OTHER OPTICAL OR ELECTRIC INSTRUMENTS.

Most of you remember the old chimney that stood for a number of years just west and a little south of the school house, the last reminder that at one time there had been a a WOOLEN MILL, and a thriving industry. Around that chimney was one of the finest daisy patches you have ever seen or heard about, an ideal place to play hookey from school and pick hands full of flowers.

Charles A. Weimer, CIGAR MANUFACTURER, established his business in 1873. He was also a retailer of all kinds of tobacco, pipes, etc. He had an extensive business and employed about 28 people, with a capacity to double that number. The factory was supplied with the very best and most improved machinery, operated by a water motor. It was arranged for comfort as well as good work, a number of power fans being scattered through the building to keep it cool in summer. The output of the factory for a year was 1,500,000 cigars. His goods were well and favorably known throughout Illinois and Missouri and as far west as Montana.

In the year 1902 Roy Williams and James Spencer started factory. In April 1903 the factory was incorporated with Roy Williams, James Spencer and George Keiper as stock holders. The company was known as the WILLIAMS AND SPENCER CIGAR COMPANY. This factory employed eight cigar makers, four strippers and one packer, at a weekly pay roll of $177.00. The largest order from this factory was for 10,000 cigars and the price of the cigars was $12.00 to $200.00 per thousand. Cigars were made by this company that cost $1.00 each, but James Spencer said that they did not make many of them at that price. The cigars were shipped to all cities in Central Illinois and Missouri, the largest order being received from St. Louis. About 2400 cigars were made in one day. In 1907 the factory went out of business.

Among the other CIGAR MANUFACTURERS were Miss Shirley and Miss Tatman, Pete and Notion Carmody. We also had our own heat and light plant, operated by Mr. Sinsabaugh. In more recent years we had an Overall Factory.

POULTRY PACKING HOUSE

THE POULTRY PACKING BUSINESS, operated by Julius A. Wolfe, began in 1893, and was located in the west end of town. By 1896 his business increased to the extent of 250 ton of live and dressed poultry and 1000 cases of eggs, shipping most of them to the Boston and New York markets. His establishment gave employment to 10 or 12 men.

SCOTT CORNER

Thomas Scott Jr. was a MANUFACTURER OF STOVE AND TIN WARE. He was the sole manufacturer of the celebrated SCOTT HEATING STOVES and bore the reputation of being one of the most reliable dealers and manufacturers in the west. He started his business in 1868 on the north east corner of the square and in 1868 he erected the building on the south east corner of the square where the stoves were manufactured.

In the Spring of 1879, the CARROLLTON TILE WORKS, near the C & A passenger depot, was constructed by an enterprising gentleman, W. L. Barnett, who for the prior ten years had been frequently seen at the window of the C & A passenger depot at Carrollton, where he officiated as agent and telegraph operator. To his practical mind it became evident that what the farmers of Illinois were in need of was more tile and less wet land. With his usual zeal he set to work and the result was a tile works that would bear comparison with any other similar establishment. The clay used was of a very superior quality, and thoroughly ground before entering into the manufacture of the tile. The tile manufactured was from three to eight inches, of very superior quality, and found a ready sale. Mr. Barnett, senior member of this firm, was born in Indiana, November 11, 1846. When but eleven years old his parents moved to Mattoon, Illinois, where young Barnett received a liberal education. At the age of fifteen, he entered the employ of the Terre Haute Railroad Company, becoming a telegraph operator in the City of Mattoon, Illinois. When the Jacksonville division of the St. Louis J & C Railroad was constructed, he went to Murrayville, Morgan County, Illinois, where he officiated in his former capacity, and was probably the first operator on that line; proceeding from there to Jacksonville, thence to Mason City, remaining there thirteen months; then came to Carrollton.

A woman played a very important part of this community in the year 1876. She was Angeline Underwood, an Inventor and Manufacturer, who on the 26th day of December 1876 patented a spring pillow, known as the Underwood. She also invented the famous spring mattress, which was met with cordial reception by the public.

THE OLD BLACKSMITH SHOP

IN THE OLD BLACKSMITH SHOP - In the gold rush days of 1849, the group of hungry prospectors from Carrollton gathered in front of this building (the Blacksmith Shop) to begin their trek westward to the goldfields.

SIEVERLING & SCHUMANN

Those Pictured Are: Bryan Caffery, Gus Tomlinson, Ed Rumrill, Harry Simonds, Jack Jennings, Julius Schumann

Henry C. Sieverling was born in Brunswick, Germany in 1828. While a boy he served an apprenticeship to learn the trade of machinist and blacksmith. At the age of 18, he was recognized as a first class workman. He came to America at the age of 21, and in 1858 he located in Woody, where he operated a wagon and blacksmith shop for 8 years. He came to Carrollton in 1866 and purchased J. C. Kelly's residence and wagon shop. He soon gained a lucrative and growing trade. After 38 years of active business he retired. The business was carried on by Julius Schumann, his partner for many years.

Later it was operated for many years by Elmer Williams but was torn down after his death.

CARROLLTON BANK AND PRINTING OFFICE - 1879

IMPROVING THE CITY

Pictured above: Louie Fritz, Mr. Crowan, Corney Heffernan, Harry Cook, Thomas Johnson, Sr., Herman Hillig, Sr., Otto Lotterbach, George Hillig, Thomas McMahon, Emett Harrigan & Jack McAvoy

First Sidewalk, made of plank, was laid in 1852. Concrete sidewalks laid in 1913

GREENE COUNTY JAIL
AND CARROLLTON WATER TOWER

FIRSTS –

FIRST GENERAL STORE opened in 1821 (present site of Inmans).

FIRST POST OFFICE established in 1822.

FIRST FAMILIES to arrive in Carrollton were the Justus and John Riders in 1823.

FIRST NEWSPAPER was published in 1842, named "People's Advocate."

FIRST BUILDING in the town, a tavern or inn and hotel, called "Jack Traveler", was built in 1821, present site of the Masonic Temple.

FIRST ELECTRIC LIGHTS turned on in 1896. They proposed to light the streets for $66 per annum.

FIRST TYPEWRITER in Carrollton installed at Woodson & Withers, lawyers, in 1875.

FIRST PASSENGER TRAIN came to Carrollton on September 6, 1865.

THE FIRST BRICK BUILDING was erected on the east side of the square on the north side of the alley and was occupied for several years by C. A. Weimer's Cigar Factory.

FIRST ELECTION for village trustees was held August 22, 1833.

FIRST SHERIFF, Thomas Carlin.

FIRST FIRE ENGINE, with hook and ladder equipment, was ordered May 1, 1837.

FIRST "WATERWORKS SYSTEM" became an accomplished fact when four public wells were dug in 1838, one at each corner of the square.

FIRST CIRCUS AND ANIMAL SHOW officially recorded as coming to Carrollton was H. A. Woodward & Co. in May 1838. (So it seems that the pioneer citizens of Carrollton were not wholly destitute of amusements).

TELEGRAPH came to town in 1852 from a wire between Alton and Jacksonville.

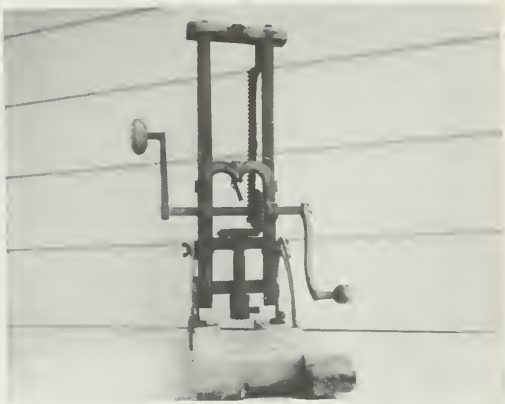
DEEP WELL WATER WORKS SYSTEM constructed in 1890. SPRING WATER piped to town in 1901.

SEWER SYSTEM constructed in 1914.

FIRST TELEPHONE EXCHANGE started by Editor Clapp of the Patriot, was in the Baltz Bros. and Co. building, on the second floor.

GREENE COUNTY JAIL AND WATER TOWER

WHAT IS IT?



Used by old-time carpenters like James Madison Graves and his son Rufus when beams for barns and the like were mortised together. The above piece of equipment was used to drill holes for the wooden pins.

DID YOU KNOW that the sheet iron dome for the Observatory at Blackburn University at Carlinville was completed and shipped in 1885 by the Enterprise Iron Works of Carrollton?

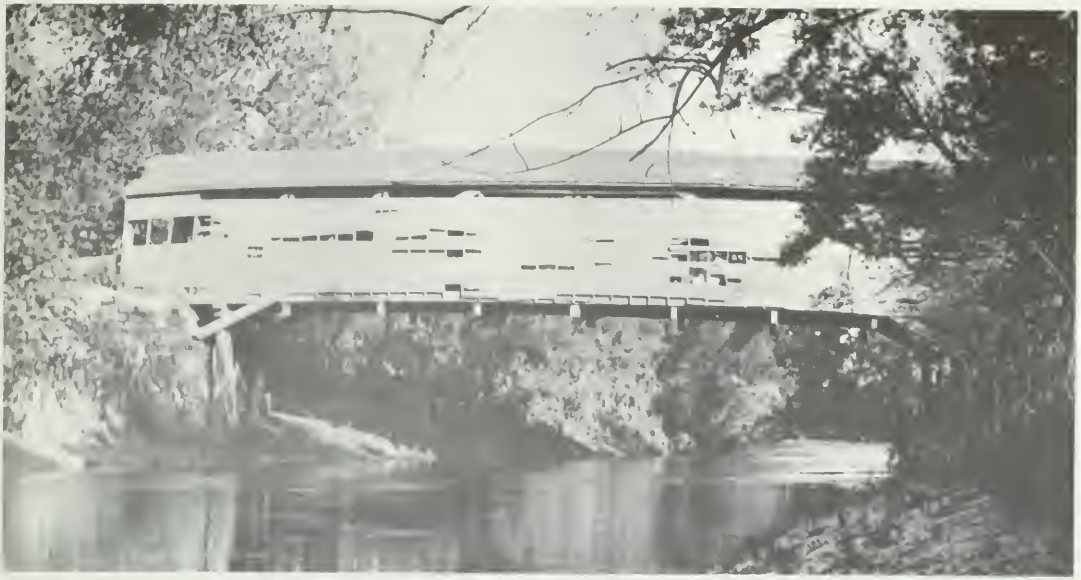
DID YOU KNOW that in 1832 Carrollton was very sorely afflicted with cholera and that there was a second epidemic in 1866?

DID YOU KNOW that in 1832 there was a stage line running between Carrollton and St. Louis?

OLD CALABOOSE AND WATER TOWER

FIRST ROADS LAID OUT

In 1821, roads were established going north, west, southwest and south from Carrollton. The road most traveled was the one leading to Alton. At that time it started in the southwest part of town, went west to the site of Mount Pleasant (the Mound), then past the Samuel Thomas place to a ford on Macoupin Creek and on southward. The old covered bridge crossing Macoupin Creek, which was still in use about 80 years ago, was built by Thomas Rattan in 1831-32. This bridge shortened the route to Alton by several miles. Records indicate that the Apple Creek bridge had been built at an earlier date.



This bridge was constructed over Macoupin Creek 6 miles south of Carrollton in 1831-32. It was later replaced with a steel bridge.

This picture donated by Mrs. Elona (Eldred) Segraves, Carrollton, Ill.

GOING TO THE FAIR IN 1911. FIRST OIL ROAD IN GREENE COUNTY

DO YOU REMEMBER the old Bijou Theatre?

DO YOU REMEMBER the old Standard Service Station on Southeast corner of the square? This corner was the site of the first residence built in Carrollton by General Jacob Fry.

West Main Street, 1912.

DO YOU REMEMBER when Carrollton had the shortest railroad track in the United States and a brick paved square?

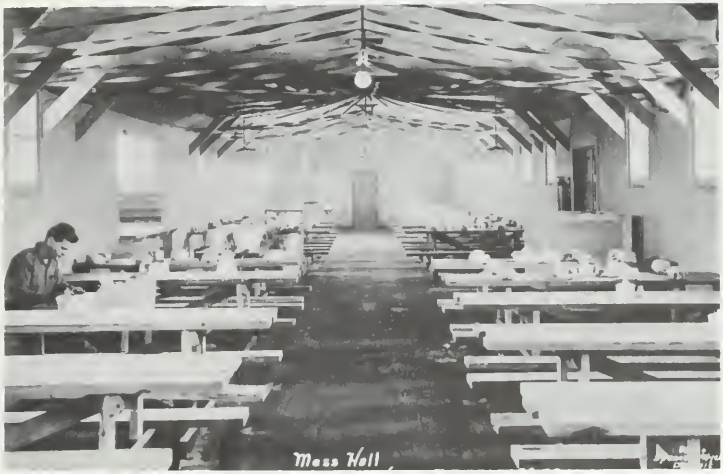
North side of Square

Looking South on Fifth Street. The "Red Onion" Barber Shop, Herman Hillig, Proprietor.

DID YOU KNOW that in 1823 Carrollton had a whipping post?

DID YOU KNOW that in 1835 the revenue from taxes was $327.37 of which the collector received 5% for his compensation? That in 1849 the tax levy on $100.00 was 20¢?

CAMP HENRY T. RAINEY -
CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS
1934 – 1941
(NOW SITE OF HIGH SCHOOL)



HODGES OFFICE BUILDING

The west part of the Hodges Office Building, located on the northwest corner of the square was built by Samuel Lee, Jr., the first County Clerk, as a residence, about the year 1829. His widow married Col. E. D. Baker and the latter sold the place to Dr. Heaton. Judge Hodges bought it in 1850 and a few years later built the two-story part. The Hodges used this as their home until their deaths. It was then purchased by the late Dr. N. D. Vedder and is still owned by his family.

THE HODGES RESIDENCE

THE HODGES FAMILY

Charles Drury Hodges was born in Queen Anne, Prince George County, Maryland, February 4, 1810. He enjoyed the best educational advantages, graduating from Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. in his 19th year. He studied law at Annapolis, Maryland, was admitted to the bar in 1831, and practiced law in that city a year or two. He came out west in 1833, and the arrival in the stage coach, one November day, of a young man fresh from an eastern city was an event of wonder and interest in the town of Carrollton. This was his home the remainder of his life, and here he achieved substantial success in the practice of his professicn. He was married to Miss Ellen C. Hawley of Jerseyville, in 1839. In 1853 he was elected county judge and was re-elected 4 years later. In January 1859, he was the successful candidate for congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Major Harris. In 1867 he was made circuit judge and performed the difficult duties of this position with credit to himself for 6 years. He was then elected state senator and served 4 years, being a member of the legislatures of 1875 and 1877. Judge Hodges became actively identified with the railroad interests when in 1852, books were opened for subscriptions to the stock of the Carrollton and Jacksonville road. In 1858 he was made treasurer of the St. Louis, Jacksonville and Chicago railroad, as it was then called, and when it was leased to the Chicago and Alton, he became a director. He died April 1, 1884.

Ladies of the town remembered what an ordeal it was to "pass in review" while Mrs. Hodges and members of her family sat stiffly on the front porch, there being a proper way to hold your long skirt, your parasol, and a proper time to turn and make a very proper bow to those on the porch, all the while walking on an uneven plank walk.

Hodges Family (cont.)

Leigh Mitchell Hodges, a grandson of Judge Hodges, was born in Carrollton. He went to work for his uncle, R. M. White in the newspaper office of the Mexico Missouri Ledger. Later he was on the editorial staff of the Ladies Home Journal. For many years he was an editorial writer for the Philadelphia dailies. His column, "The Optimist" was an outstanding champion of optimism.

CAPTAIN JACOB FRY
About 1856

GENERAL JACOB FRY

Jacob Fry was born in Fayette County, Kentucky, September 20, 1799. He emigrated to Edwardsville while quite a young man, and in 1819 first visited this section. During his stay, it is said, he made, from boards split from a walnut tree, the first coffin constructed in the county, Returning to Alton he hewed the timber for the first mill there. He came back and settled here about the beginning of 1821. He was a prominent man in the new town from the start. He was a member of the first grand jury, was deputy sheriff in 1822, and was elected sheriff in 1828, holding the office for ten years. He was married to Miss Emily Turney, daughter of Attorney General James Turney, in May 1826. He served during the Black Hawk War as colonel, and at its close was elected major general of the militia. In 1837 he was appointed commissioner of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and in 1856, collector of customs in Chicago. During the Rebellion he commanded a regiment which did valiant service at Shiloh. His last days were spent with his family on his farm, south of the Macoupin. He died around 1880. Captain Wm. Fry of Carrollton was his only surviving son.

At the time the commissioners located the county seat, there was not a house in Carrollton. The Carlin cabin was a half mile to the south. Mr. Carlin offered to give Jacob Fry a lot if he would build upon it, and the offer was accepted. The lot was situated at the southeast corner of the square. Mr. Fry cut the timber, split the boards and built a house which in later years became a part of the St. James Hotel and stood until that block was burned in 1878. Before General Fry completed his house, he stopped to assist Thomas Rattan in erecting a log tavern at the northeast corner of the square, on the present site of the Masonic Temple, and that was the first building in the town. General Fry's residence was the second.

SCENES OF YESTERDAY

THE COUNTY FAIR

The first fair association was organized as the Greene County Agricultural and Mechanical Society on April 15, 1854, with Luman Curtius, president; Joshua C. Winters, vice president, A. W. Bridges, treasurer and Francis P. Vedder, secretary. The first fair was held on the farm of J. E. Brace, near the northwest limits of Carrollton on October 12 of that year. Before the next annual exhibition took place, the socirty of some 230 members had purchased the grounds now occupied by and adjacent to the public grade school building. This site was improved and used until a 20-acre tract of land was purchased from Jeremiah Turpin on November 7, 1861. This tract, together with an additional 6 acres purchased from the Luman Curtius Estate and 8 acres from J. M. Widdowson, constitute the fair grounds of today. The fair association is now incorporated under the name of Greene County Agricultural Fair, Inc. Present officers are Stuart Fitzsimmons, president; Donald Allen, first vice president; Vernon Reynolds, second vice president; William Shade, secretary-treasurer and Eileen Cory, assistant secretary.

THREE MINUTE TROT - GREENE COUNTY FAIR 1895

DID YOU KNOW that North Main Street was macadamized in 1888-89? (From the square to the C & A Depot).

DID YOU KNOW that Carrollton had a haunted house? In 1825-26? On the North side of the square? Built by J. W. Skidmore?

DID YOU KNOW that Carrollton replaced the old pine side-walks with concrete in 1913?

DID YOU KNOW that the "Burundy Comedy Co." under the management of Leon Berry and Ed Teany, both of Carrollton, played the local Opera House in 1901?

DID YOU KNOW that a "Dramatic Club" was organized in 1875?

DID YOU KNOW that prior to 1896 Carrollton was lighted by kerosene lamps and two of the lamplighters were Clarence Pendt and his brother-in-law, E. Scates?

DID YOU KNOW that George Baltz and the late Congressman Sid Simpson served in the same army division in World War I with President Harry S. Truman?

DID YOU KNOW that the cadet uniform worn by Justice Norman L. Jones in 1890 when he attended West Point Military Academy, is in the Greene County Historical Society Museum?

MRS. ANNA LOUISE COMBRINK KELLY

Anna Louise Combrink was born east of Carrollton, October 16, 1859, the daughter of William H. and Catherine Von Brock Combrink.

She was united in marriage to W. C. Kelly on March 14, 1882.

Four Presidents were assassinated during her lifetime, Lincoln, McKinley, Garfield and Kennedy. She recalled that the people in Greene County learned of Lincoln's death a day after it happened. A horseback rider rode through the countryside spreading the news. She was 21 years old when President Garfield was shot July 2, 1881, 41 when President McKinley was shot September 6, 1901 and 103 when President Kennedy was shot November 22, 1963. She often recalled the political campaigns of the post Civil War period with speeches being made from wagons and torchlight parades.

Mrs. Kelly's husband preceded her in death December 9, 1945. She passed away April 3, 1966 at the age of 106. She was survived by three sons, Robert, Walter and Don Kelly, and four daughters, Mrs. Mayme Vaughn, Mrs. L. A. Flick, Mrs. Ada Ballard and Mrs. Francis Geers. Two sons, Fred and Lee, preceded her in death.

MRS. ANNA KELLY, Age 106

DID YOU KNOW that in 1854 an open market house stood in the Courthouse park just west of the Courthouse, a great convenience to the townspeople?

DID YOU KNOW that in 1839 the town board authorized the purchase of two yoke of oxen and one plow for the use of the town? (Prior to this, the town had been paying $1.50 per day for yoke of oxen and driver).

DID YOU KNOW that in 1851 Carrollton, with 800 inhabitants, had 4 churches and 5 ministers who lived in the town; boasted of 3 schools and a large Academy; had two printing offices, 8 dry goods stores, 2 drug and fancy stores, 1 family grocery, 1 bakery, 3 taverns, 4 tailor shops, 1 clothing store, 4 lawyers and the District Judge, 1 private boarding house, 1 tin and stove store, 3 boot and shoemakers, 2 lumber yards, 12 carpenters, 2 cording machines. 1 copper shop, 2 cabinet shops, 8 doctors and 1 dentist? That in 1869 the population of Carrollton was between 3 and 4 thousand? That in 1879 Carrollton had 16 doctors and 14 lawyers?

FAMOUS VISITORS

In the summer of 1837 or 1838, Daniel Webster, the great statesman, who was on a tour of the west, accepted an invitation to visit Carrollton. Travel in those days was principally by stage coach for persons of Mr. Webster's position. A committee of fifty gentlemen of Carrollton met the stage at Macoupin Creek, south of town, gave Mr. Webster a cordial welcome and escorted him to town.

A grand barbecue in old Kentucky style provided the meats for the dinner, which was spread in the market house, in the square west of the court house. All were invited to the feast. The after-dinner speech of Mr. Webster was well received and heartily applauded, and was replied to quite felicitously by two or three of Carrollton's prominent speakers.

OTHER FAMOUS VISITORS

Franklin D. Roosevelt
(Occasion being Congressman Rainey's funeral)
Adlai Stevenson
Stephen A. Douglas — Abraham Lincoln
Wm. J. Bryan — Billy Sunday
Josh Billings — Vice-President Fairbanks
Senator Tillman — Champ Clark
Larado Taft
(Designed Helen Keller monument at White Hall)
Judge Altgeld — Blind Boone
Cole Younger

DO YOU REMEMBER the "Advance Flour Mill" in the West end of Carrollton? And the old L. C. & W. depot which burned down, also in the West end?

DO YOU REMEMBER the old fire department's hook and ladder, wagon and horses, which were stabled at the livery stable across the street from where the fire bell hung (now K. of C. and C. D. of A. building)?

DO YOU REMEMBER the old Pierson and the old West Side Hotels with the hacks and drummers?

DO YOU REMEMBER the old "Academy" building?

DO YOU REMEMBER when the longest line of the first telephone company ran from the square to the C. & A. Depot? That Miss Mary Robinson, later Mrs. Mary Lord, was the first "Hello" girl? When there were only 15 or 16 customers on the exchange and the charges were $1.00 or $1.25 per month? When the Illinois Bell Telephone Company employed men as operaters in 1905 or 1906, two of them being Fred Ashlock and Leo McMahon?

DO YOU REMEMBER in 1907 when two iron drinking fountains were placed in position and connected, one at the Northwest and one at the Southeast corners of the square? Each fountain had a faucet facing the sidewalk for people, a large bowl over the curb for horses, and a small bowl at the base for dogs.

– PROGRAM –

JUNE 1, 1968

CARROLLTON JAYCEES BEARD CONTEST
TROPHIES AWARDED

CATAGORIES:
1. Best Full Beard
2. Best Goatee
3. Best Mustache
4. Longest Beard
5. Shaggiest Beard
6. Best Gray Beard
7. Best Abe Lincoln Beard
8. Most Distinguished Beard

Every man, 18 years and over in the Carrollton area must have a beard or badge.

Promotion Materials
Headquarters – Historical Society Office
West Side Square
Hats-$1.00, $2.00 & $4.00

Vests & Bonnets $1.00–Shaving Permits & Bow Ties $2.00

MONDAY, JULY 1, 1968

All Business Places are asked to decorate their windows with the type of merchandise they sell. It should be old and antique. The Jaycees and Jayceettes will start to fine men without whiskers or Shave Permits. Women without bonnets can also be fined.
B.P.W. - Carrollton History Books on Sale about July 15

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1968

GREENE COUNTY FAIR PARTICIPATION IN
CARROLLTON SESQUICENTENNIAL PROGRAM

Jaycees and Jayceettes are promoting a program at the Fairgrounds, program to start at 7:00 P.M. A one-hour program will be given in front of the Grandstand. The Jayceettes will feature a dress and bonnet contest and the Jaycees will have a beard revue.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1968

OPENING DAY OF SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
6:45 P.M. – Parade in the City of Carrollton
Display of dresses and bonnets
Display of beards and attire
CHOOSING Sesquicentennial Queen to reign over Celebration – will be made just before Parade time. The contestants must be 50 and over and live within the city limits of Carrollton.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1968

ALL EVENING
Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Women's Club and Greene County Service Company will have an Ice Cream Social
Antique Car Show
Trophies will be awarded for the 3 Best Floats
Greene County Pork Producers will sell
Pork Barbecue Sandwiches
A Program of approximately 1½ hours will be put on by the Bands and Bugle Corps that participate in the Parade.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1968

Old Fashioned Sales Days by all the Merchants. All day and evening to 9:00 P.M.
Starting at 5:30 – The newly organized Ecumerical Men's Club are serving a Ham and Bean Supper, which includes Ham and Beans, Corn Bread, Pie, Coffee and Tea. 1818 Prices. Tickets – 15¢ Each.
3-hour program on the Square by Waterloo German Band.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1968

9:00 A.M. – Talent Review on the Band Stand in the Court House Yard. All talent in the area welcome. Radio Station WJBM all day. Betty Carrico, Chairwoman.
5:30 P.M. – Display of beards and dress review. Awarding of Trophies approx. 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M. – The Square will be closed on West and South Sides
At approx 8:30 P.M. – Dancing will start. Round and Square, the old fashioned type.
MODERN - Rock and Roll.
Skeets Yaney and his Band – Country and Western Entertainment and Dancing.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1968

Sunday A.M. Everyone goes to the Church of their choice.
On the Court House Lawn
Sunday Evening – Community Church Services
All the Churches participating
Choirs of all the Churches – Carrollton Community Chorus
Mrs. Carrico, Director

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